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## Dear Ed:

Would like to use the Green Light to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the many kind expressions of sympathy received from my many friends on the Rio Grande during the recent loss of my mother.

Florence Peterson  
Denver, Colo.

Congratulations on your fine publication. I enjoy each and every issue, particularly those issues which feature the operations of your fine railroad.

We have an active model railroad club in our area, so I pass the Green Light to a friend each month.

Thanks for sending the magazine our way.

Yours very truly,  
J. B. Fannon  
Traffic Manager-Rail  
The Mead Corporation  
Dayton, Ohio

## First Quarter Earnings Show Increase Over 1968

Rio Grande's net income for the first quarter shows a 24% increase over the same period in 1968.

Freight revenues were \$22,900,000 compared to \$21,200,000 for the first quarter last year.

Passenger revenue decreased \$10,000 from the \$615,000 for the same period last year.

An increase in operating expenses in the amount of \$16,188,000 was noted for the first quarter compared to \$15,370,000 for the three-month period last year.

Net income totaled \$4,415,000 before deducting federal income taxes. This represents a net earning of \$848,000 for the first quarter in 1969.

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# Officers Are Named to Head Rio Grande Industries, Inc.

The exchange offer to the holders of The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company stock became effective April 11, when acceptance had been received from more than 80% of the stockholders of the railroad, and over 90% had accepted the offer by April 25. The overwhelming acceptance made it possible to proceed with plans in the formation of Rio Grande Industries, Inc., as the parent company of the railroad.

It is anticipated Certificates of Industries shares will be ready for mailing to stockholders near the middle of May or as soon as practical thereafter.

Management believes that the flexibility afforded with Industries as the parent company will offer opportunity for acquiring and developing non-railroad businesses.

The types of business enterprises which Industries might acquire or in which it might engage are the subject of active study by management. Certain preliminary discussions are now in progress with respect to possible acquisitions which might be pursued.

The Rio Grande railroad will be a key part of Industries. There will be no change in the status of employees or the operation of the railroad, ac-

## Anemometer Is Tuned In

High winds during the month of March played havoc with one of Rio Grande's freight trains as it rounded the Big Ten curve west of Denver.

As a result of the high winds blowing some of the cars off the rails, officials of the railroad decided to install an anemometer in that area.

When atmospheric pressure on the east slope of the Rockies reaches a certain point, and the "trough aloft" becomes a trough below, the wind blows with tornadic force.

A meteorologist was consulted who worked with railroad officials to determine the exact location the anemometer should be installed.

A twenty-foot tower at mile post 20 with the anemometer mounted on top which is connected to Rio Grande's micro-wave system. As the "cups" on the anemometer revolve a tone is transmitted to a speaker in the dispatcher's office. The sound isn't heard until the wind velocity reaches 50 mph. If the wind increases to 75 mph, the tone changes, warning the dispatcher of the danger of high wind. He is able to warn oncoming trains of the wind threat and halt them if it is necessary.

Two graphs located at the base of the tower give a constant reading of the wind velocity, direction and the time of day.

The breezes may or may not be a factor in Rio Grande's future train operations, but if they should be, they are prepared.

cording to company officials. The Rio Grande will continue to grow as an efficient, customer-service railroad.

Officers of Industries, in addition to Aydelott as president, are James L. Rumsey, vice president-Finance; J. B. Love, executive assistant; Max E. Ehrlich, secretary-treasurer; H. W. Bushacker, comptroller; David H. Lippincott, manager financial analysis and C. E. Schmeckpeper, office manager.

## On the Cover

The photo on the cover was taken by Ron Rudhoff of the Silverton taking water at the Needleton Tank on the popular "Journey to Yesterday."

A trip on the Silverton is a scenic adventure unmatched anywhere in the United States.

The Silverton is a genuine bit of history. The three-foot gauge reached Silverton in 1882, the fastest growing mining camp in the towering San Juan mountains at that time.

The amazing feat of construction was recognized many years later when in 1967 it became a Registered National Historic Landmark and in 1968 it was designated a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

Many slim-gauge lines have passed into oblivion. By 1950, abandonments had reduced the little frontier lines to a few freight operations with only a single passenger train running on schedule—The Silverton.

Perhaps because it was the last, The Silverton stirred with new life. Rail buffs, devotees and vacationers discovered the sheer fun and inspiration in the "Journey to Yesterday." Each year thousands ride the historic train.

Today's adventurous traveler can experience the pioneer Rocky Mountain's railroading as it really was, and live again the exciting days before the turn of the century when the narrow gauge route up the Animas river represented the very ultimate in modern transportation.

Many books and pamphlets have been published about the Silverton. It is a must trip as words fail to express the breath-taking beauty that meets the eye.

Reservations may be made by using the coupon on page 5 of this issue.

Some stretch pants have no choice.

Rio Grande



## Safety Tip for Today

Here are a few pointers from the National Safety Council.

### "Don't wear jewelry on the job."

If the situation weren't so serious, the pun might be funny. As it is, many fingers have been left behind when men wearing rings have alighted from the rear of a truck, freight car or locomotive and have their rings catch on something.

Wristwatches with metal bands have been known to cause burns and have caused sparks on battery terminals that ignited gasoline in vehicles and hydrogen gas in car batteries.

Metallic jewelry, loose clothing and long neckties have caught in moving pulleys, gears, lathe chucks and shafts and have caused fatal injuries.

## Regarding the Tax Dollars

Tax dollars are a special kind of money. They are easier to spend and harder to pay than any other kind. Tax dollars appear to be supplied free by the government, whereas it is easy to see that regular dollars come from work.

Tax dollars have more people handling them, but fewer watching over them. They buy more things people don't want than regular money does, and they have a tendency to make regular dollars buy less of what people do want.

Tax dollars are encouraged to go overseas, but regular dollars are told to stay home.

Tax dollars hurt more people than they help. One would think they would go out of style, but each year there are more of them.

Only a few people worry about tax dollars. Most are concerned. A friend of ours thinks it would help if every reference to sums collected and spent by government were made in terms of "tax dollars" (symbol T\$). Perhaps it would also help if they were printed in blood red ink instead of green.—Dick Beeler.

## Denver Vets and Auxiliary Notes

By Velma Ackermann

The highlight of the Rio Grande's Vets Club No. 3 and Ladies Auxiliary meeting held on April 17 was the potluck supper which was well attended.

Lee and Iva Andrews enjoyed an extended trip through the southern states. Frank and Wanda Marquiss journeyed to Las Vegas, continued on to Sun City, Calif., for a visit with her sister. Glad to have you all back home safe and sound.

The Vets Club toured the Moore Mortuary, May 8. The tour was interesting and the attendance was good.

Rio Grande Days will be held at Lakeside Park in Denver on June 28. Tickets for the occasion will be available very shortly. Plan to come and enjoy a full day of fun.

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## New Equipment Will Be in Service This Year

In order to upgrade Rio Grande's locomotive fleet, five F-7 road freight units have been returned to the manufacturer under the locomotive replacement program. Five general purpose locomotives have been ordered to replace them with delivery expected in September.

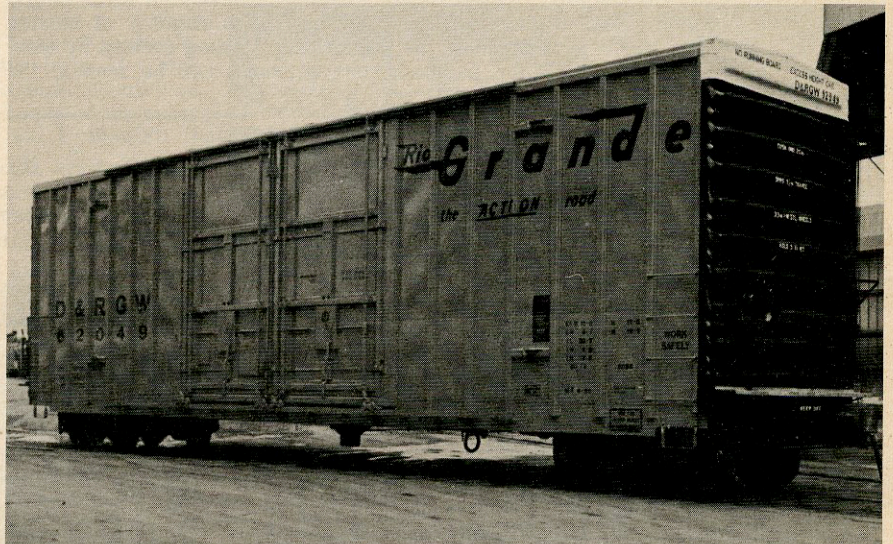
The new 3,000 horsepower GP 40's will be numbered 3081-3085 inclusive. These locomotives, in replacing the F-7's, built in 1949-50, will modernize the fleet of locomotives by providing higher horsepower to handle the faster schedules required and meet the increase in competition.

Fifty new box cars, built with extra dimensions that many shippers require, began rolling from Gunderson Brothers plant at Portland, Ore. Deliveries began in April and the cars went into immediate service (see cut).

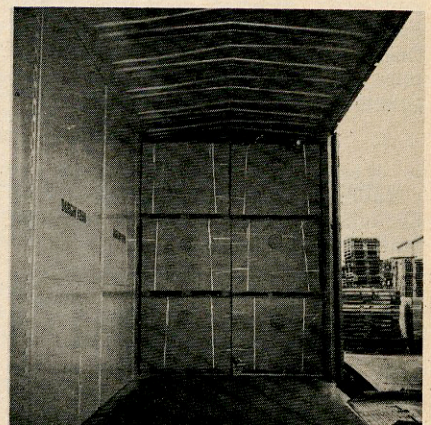
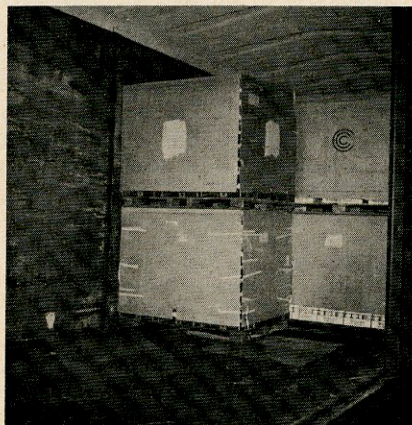
These cars are the largest 50-ft. box cars in the Rio Grande fleet. The dimensions should be of considerable advantage to shippers with 6,200 cu. ft. capacity, 9-ft. 6-in. inside width, 12-ft. 10-in. height and a 16-ft. door width. The cars are numbered 62000-62049.

The cars are designed with smooth steel walls inside. Exterior bracing and a heavy gauge steel wall make the car practical in the shipment of newsprint, lumber, paper products and other manufactured products which shippers are known to favor.

Due to the increasing amount of auto parts traffic, 30 86-ft. high cube box cars have been ordered to handle this traffic. The 10,000 cu. ft. cars will augment Rio Grande's fleet of 61 high cube cars now in service.



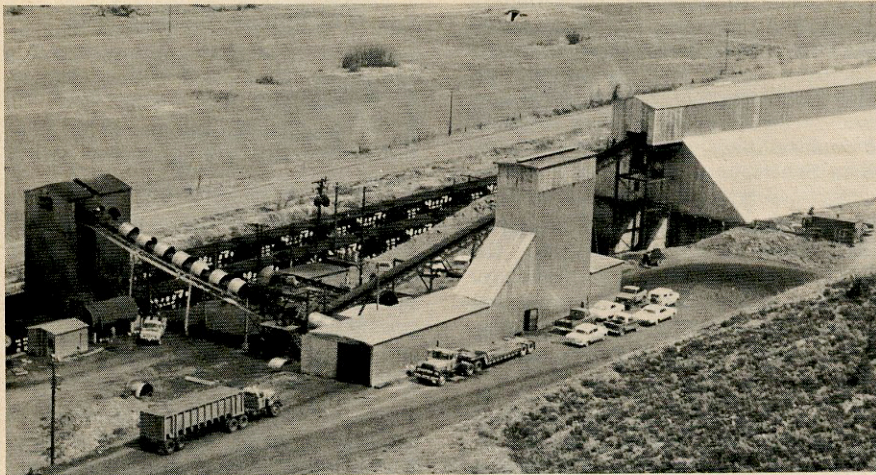
ONE OF RIO GRANDE'S 50-ft. box cars that recently went into service. The extra dimension car is designed to use practically all available inside space.



TWO INTERIOR VIEWS are shown for comparison. The car on the left is a standard height 50-ft. box car with pallets loaded two high. The car on the right is Rio Grande's new extra dimension 50-ft. car with pallets loaded three high. Each pallet is 4-ft. in height. Seventy-eight pallets, 56"x44", can be loaded in this car compared to 52 in the standard size car. When fully loaded, less than 28 inches of void space remain at the center of the car, making it ideal for shippers.



## Unit Train Bin Is in Operation



The Mid Continent unit train bin at Carbondale, Colo., became fully operational April 19. Major components are surge bin over the railroad loading point at left in photo. First dump is at the center with storage bin at the right. First 5000-ton train from the facility was loaded and weighed in less than three hours. Unit trains can be loaded without uncoupling. The bin is capable of storing 17,000 tons of coal. Coal is brought from the mine to the loading facility by tractor-trailer trucks which haul 18-ton payloads, one of which can be seen at the lower left in the photo.



Rio Grande personnel working with Mid Continent during the weighing and loading were, from left, Gary Bennewitz, director marketing-Fuels; Paul Mayberry, engineer; Howard Deering, trainmaster; Frank Robinson, electrical engineer, and Frank Green, road foreman of equipment.

## For Sale

Railroad antiques are being offered by James I. Lick, Route 2, Box 130, Montrose, Colo. 81401.

Among the articles are National Car Builders magazine, dated January 1883 (in good condition), Frank Leslie's weekly paper, dated 1884, ox yoke with bows and irons made by Cap Cline and Billy McMinn. This was used during the construction of the Rio Grande between Sapinero and Cimmamon. A lantern used on the Western Pacific.

Anyone interested in these items should contact Mr. Lick direct at the above address.

## Tucson Is Site of NARBW Convention

Delegates from the Mile High Chapter of the National Association of Railway Business Women to their convention at Tucson, Ariz., May 19-22, will be Mazie Hester, Jean Gustafson, Marie Murray and Marie Koerber.

Business to be conducted at the sessions will include election of national officers, vote on the purchase of a residence in Florida and vote on the proposed change in rules governing residences.

A feature of the convention will be a tour of the residence for retired NARBW members at Green Valley, Ariz.

## Suggestions

The following suggestions were adopted. Identification stubs should be mailed to the Personnel Office.

**18769—Move bond up close to crossing on inbound track at 13th Ave.**

**19596—Change truck spring safety hanger pins.**

**21364—Device for testing sensor portion of PGR governors.**

Suggestions received to date and being discussed:

17068	19347	19603	21370
18767	19354	20007	21371
18777	19586	20011	22120
19099	19597	20541	22135
19345	19602	20604	

Suggestions for various reasons not adopted. Employee may send in the identification stub for reason if further information is desired.

16530	19100	19940	20569
16531	19353	20501	
18768	19916	20502	

Last month's cash award went to: H. R. Harrison, Machinist, Burnham.

Will holder of Suggestion Stub No. 19867 please contact Personnel Office.

*Lady to druggist: "Could I exchange the rest of these pills for three dozen diapers?"*

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## HOSPITAL REPORT

When sick or hurt, members of the Hosp. Assn. should call 623-8443 in Denver, 243-3545 in Grand Junction, 364-3591 in Salt Lake City, night or day. In other towns, call a Staff Doctor directly. The Hosp. Assn. Pharmacy number in Denver is 623-4981. Dependents, spouses and widows of deceased members may purchase drugs for the same price as a member of the Hosp. Assn. Ambulance Service is provided Assn. members by Roche Ambulance 292-2340. Keep this number near your phone. Hosp. Admissions can be listed here only if they are received from the Hospital.

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, GRAND JUNCTION**—Arthur L. Bates, Harry N. Blume, Berton L. Bogart, Elton L. Crutchfield, Oliver W. Fischbeck, Allin A. Gillett, Theo. Gilmore, Richard M. Knox, Spiros B. Kusulas, John R. Moore, O. P. Simpson, Chas. B. Valdez, Louis W. Vassmer.

**UTAH VALLEY LDS HOSP., PROVO**—Thos. H. Chadwick, Edward Eric Pennington.

**ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL, COLO. SPRINGS**—Harold Bartholomew, Frank Cordova, Wm. Kennedy.

**ST. MARK'S HOSP., SALT LAKE CITY**—Fred A. Buchhorn, Geo. W. Cawley.

**ST. MARY CORWIN, PUEBLO**—Eugene Carr, William Holt, John Turner.

**GENERAL ROSE MEMORIAL HOSP., DENVER**—Mrs. Margaurite Bustos, Guy W. Clancy, Michael T. Clark, Richard A. Eitel, Wallace Frank Ford, Mrs. Julia C. Hobbs, Richard S. James, Clarence S. Spray, Vivian L. Whitmore.

**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, GRAND JUNCTION**—William Branstiter, Lloyd Chadwick, James W. Church, Floyd Crider, Mrs. Eva T. Evans; Geo. G. Garber, Arthur E. Haptonstall, Jess Markle, Robert E. McFarland, John J. Moore, Velma Moore, Jane G. Murphy, Louise H. Murphy, Frank J. Olson, Merle W. Palmer, Frank R. Valdez, Ralph A. Wamp'ler.

**CONEJOS COUNTY HOSP., LA JARA**—Richard Westbrook.

**ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, DENVER**—Waldo Young.

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, DEL NORTE**—Clarence L. Smith.

**PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL, DENVER**—Robert J. Pinkerton.

**HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL, SALT LAKE CITY**—Ronald G. Baker, Donald P. Cowburn, Everett Dale, Phillip E. Brimhall, John W. Gruys, Leo Hopper, Emerald J. Hovinghoff, William H. Jenkins, Phil J. Mathews, Paul S. Ostler, Mary Perry, Myrum Pocock, Carl H. Sonneburg, Leora Stein, Oscar B. Thornton, Donald A. Williamson.



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## "The Nation Is United by Rail"

On May 10, 1869 a spectacular chapter in American history came to an end. The era of the wagon train in great numbers crossing the prairies and the pony express carrying the mail was ended when steel rail was joined with steel rail and a golden spike was driven at a desolate spot in Utah named Promontory.

A silver sledge hammer attached to a copper wire connected to a closed telegraph circuit signalled a waiting nation, "The last rail is laid, the last spike is driven, the Pacific Railroad is finished," when Leland Stanford of the California Pacific Railroad drove home the last spike. The spike was fashioned from \$400 worth of gold by a San Francisco jewelry firm.

President Grant made the official announcement in Washington. The Liberty Bell was rung in Philadelphia. 100-gun salutes were heard in New York's Central Park, San Francisco and elsewhere.

The two engines, U P 119 and C P's Jupiter, in touching pilots on that memorable day, signalled a new era in the nation's shipment of goods and transporting people from coast to coast.

Rails fanned out to all sections of the country. Every town and city wanted to be served by this form of transportation. Rails found their way into the high country of the West, crossed the desert southland and opened up many new areas for settlement.

In this day of hurry, hurry, the railroads are taken for granted in moving commodities from coast to coast and border to border. The historic message that flashed across the miles in 1869 still applies, "The Nation Is United by Rail."



RAILS OF THE CENTRAL PACIFIC (now Southern Pacific) and the Union Pacific were joined at Promontory, Utah, May 10, 1869, and the two locomotives met pilot to pilot as shown in the photo above

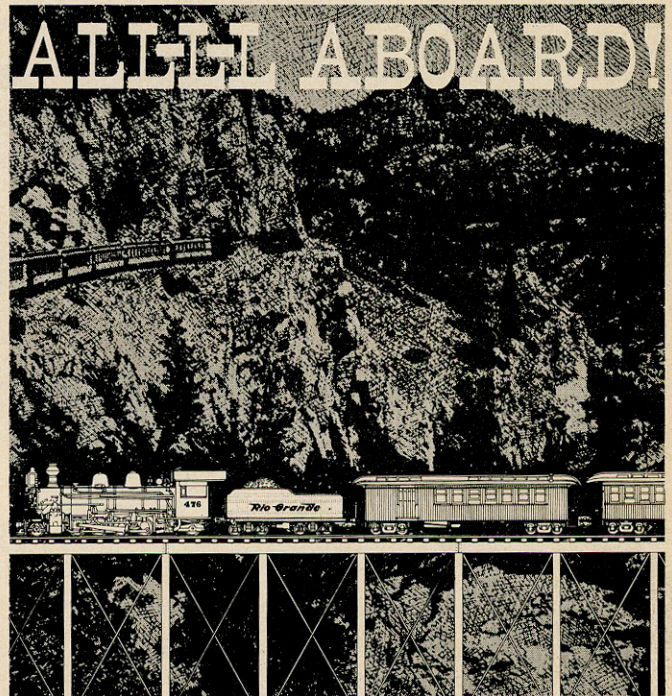
## Recent Appointments

J. R. Butler	Batch Programmer, MIS.,	Denver
F. Daubenspeck	Production Supervisor, MIS.,	Denver
J. C. Freyer	Vehicle Fleet Administrator,	Denver
V. M. Gagliardi	Mgr., Computer Operations, MIS.,	Denver
T. L. Hutton	Manager Systems, MIS.,	Denver
W. O. Krebs	Mgr., Batch Programs, MIS.,	Denver
N. R. Lamb	Pricing Analyst,	Denver
R. B. Martin	Director of Management Systems,	Denver
C. R. Peterson	Office Manager,	Fresno
B. R. Seaton	Mgr. of Datanet Programs, MIS.,	Denver
S. P. Simonoff	Batch Programmer, MIS.,	Denver
W. B. Urquhart	Datanet Programmer, MIS.,	Denver
B. R. Weir	Relief Production Supervisor, MIS.,	Denver

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Prompt  
Courteous  
Service  
Pays

Briefcases head the list of articles left on trains, but people leave all kinds of things including wallets, watches, golf clubs, canary birds, etc. One lady left a bag of jewels worth \$125,000 which was safely returned by the Pullman Company.



## For Fun and Excitement on the Narrow Gauge Silverton Train...

Durango to Silverton, Colorado

**ROUND TRIP DAILY June 1 thru Oct. 5**

Ride the last of the legendary steam trains — 45 miles each way through primitive areas you can't reach by car.

Hear the chuff-chuff of the engine, the merry clack of wheels on track.

See towering peaks, rushing streams, the forest home of 70 different species of animals, 300 flowering plants.

### FOR TRAIN RESERVATIONS

write Rio Grande Agent, Room H  
Durango, Colo. 81301. Or phone (303) 247-2733

### DENVER & RIO GRANDE WESTERN RAILROAD

Please mail the following Silverton Train tickets: ■ ■

Adults (\$6.50 each) .....

Children 11 or younger (\$4.50 each) .....

For regular coach seat check here .....

For open side observation coach seat check here .....

Preferred date..... Alternate date.....

For bus one way check here .....

Mail tickets..... Hold tickets for pickup.....

Enclose check or money order payable to

Rio Grande Railroad

Name.....

Address.....

City..... State..... Zip.....



## Keglers Hit That Last Pin

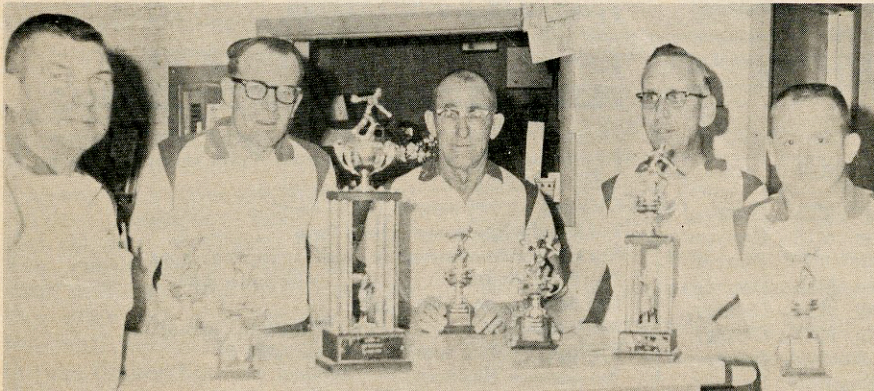


**MEMBERS OF THE SILVER SKY TEAM** in the Rio Grande women's league averaged 709 pins a game in winning first place for the season. Shown from left are Ella Jamison, Sherry Norton, captain, Della Griffin, Fran Klodt and Lee Brooks.



**THE MEN'S CHAMPIONS, MAINLINERS**, averaged 844 pins a game to place first in their league. From left are, Richard Norton, Bob Grawey, Ray Norton, captain, Walt Brooks and Dick Schmitz.

The Salt Lake City Bowling League finished their season April 23. The Gandy Dancers won the second half and also won the championship of the league. Moffat Tunnel finished second. Art Thornwall with 180 had the highest average for the season. High team series was the Vista Domes with a 2692. Earl Hills had the high series with a 662. The Prospectors had the high team game with a 957 and Dean Parsons' 288 was the high individual game for the year.



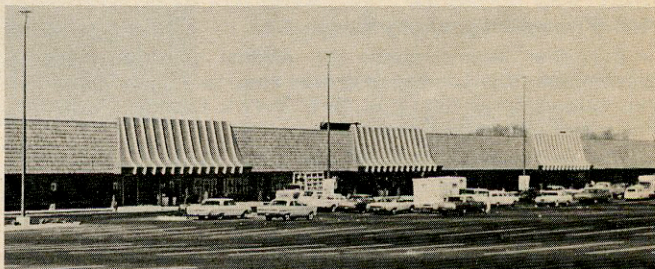
**FIRST PLACE** in the annual City League Bowling Tournament with a team score of 3080 went to Motor Way of Montrose. Pictured are, from left, Butch Webb, dockman and captain, Gene Brasher, John Glosser, George Clarke and George Snook. Snook, REA, took top-scoring honors in the tourney. Montrose Daily Press Photo.

## Key to Growth Is Cooperation

Cooperation is the key on the Sugar House Branch of the Rio Grande Railroad, that is, so far as Grand Central Stores and Interstate Brick Company are concerned.

It all happened recently when a new store was being built to accommodate Grand Central's expanding growth on the Utah business scene. This newest and largest outlet of their eleven-store operation was opened on the Van Winkle Expressway, having a total of 180,000 square feet of shopping and display area and covering a variety of goods from foods to fads, automotive supplies to zinnias.

The spirit of cooperation was enjoined when Interstate Brick used their products in a variety of ways for this new addition to Mr. Maurice Warshaw's growing chain of stores.



Flat Spanish clay roof tile, Navajo flash color and matt face brick combined to make this a distinct architectural structure. In addition to the beauty of design, Interstate Brick products provide the combination of lasting qualities and fireproof safety. Add to this the fact that Rio Grande served to bring all these commodities to both of these firms located on the small spur line moving eastward from Salt Lake's Roper Yard.

This spirit of cooperation has been the product of many years of working together to each firm's mutual benefit. For instance, Grand Central's non-food division received 30 million pounds of freight last year, with Rio Grande playing the major role in its transportation. Over 165 cars were unloaded at their distribution center during 1968, and 1969 figures record substantial increase already. Interstate Brick's facility received over 140 cars and their shipping to various western states is increasing by leaps and bounds. Rio Grande's unique position of enabling these firms to utilize rail service has had the effect of helping to expand their markets through lower freight charges and efficient, careful handling of goods.

With expansion of these two firms in the western markets, you can be assured the "Park City Local," as it was formerly called, will continue to serve the companies on this small but vital spur in the southeast section of Salt Lake City.



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## Salt Lake Vets Club

By F. C. Krauth

C. L. Crawford, president, C. V. Argyle and Fred Krauth, officers of the Salt Lake Vets Club want to thank everyone who attended the general committee meeting held at Grand Junction last month. They would also like to thank the Grand Junction members for their hospitality. The co-operation and support of the various clubs was greatly appreciated. Plans are moving ahead for the convention to be held at Grand Junction Sept. 27-28.

The first park meeting of the year was held May 9 with a good turnout and fun games for all.

Rio Grande Days will be held at Salt Lake's Saratoga Resort on June 28 from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

There will be plenty of fun for the whole family. The Vets Club is busy in making sure the outing will be a success. Everyone is invited and the club appreciates your patronage.

Carl Rahne are men-on-the-go for the

Seventh Street Yard Office is exists with the Rio Grande and Union Pacific are handled at this tract are also processed here.

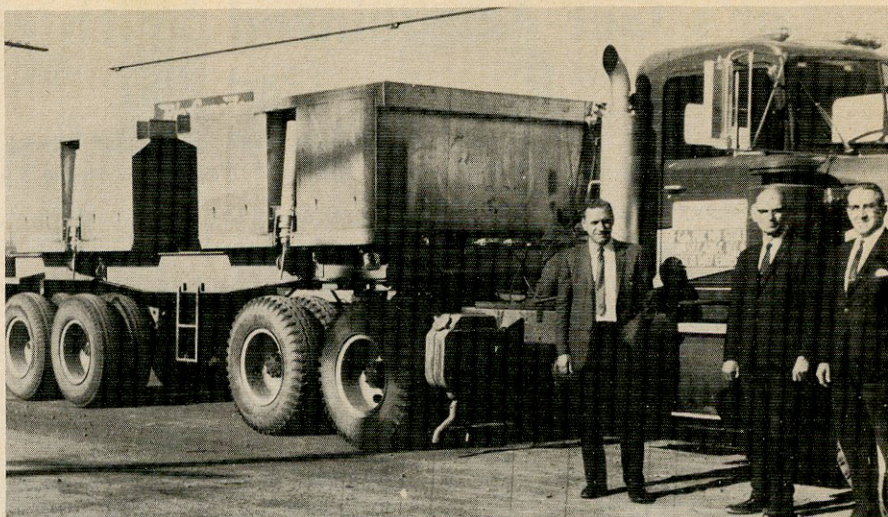


THE RIO GRANDE-ROCK ISLAND on Seventh Street is shown above.



HELEN PELTA, billing clerk, is also a GREEN LIGHT reporter for the busy yard and freight office.

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NEW ORE TRAILERS are in service in Motor Way fleet at Montrose. Shown with the new trailers are from left, Earl Marsh, terminal manager; Harry Lane, supt. of maintenance, and Ralph Turano, executive vice president. Three new units were purchased for the ore haul operation between Idarado Mining Co., Telluride and Montrose, where concentrates are reloaded for shipment to Amarillo and El Paso, Tex., and Tacoma, Wash. Trailers were manufactured at Salt Lake City. Montrose Daily Press Photo.

## RIO GRANDE VETERANS CLUBS

(D&RGW RR employees with over 20 years service)

PRESENT:

*The Silvertown*

K-28-S—Sterling Silver Tie Bar—\$2.50



K-28-G—Gold Filled Tie Bar—\$3.25

TIE BARS

The 476 is a Class K-28 model locomotive built by the American Locomotive Company in 1923 and placed in Rio Grande service in October of that year. Three of these locomotives remain in D&RGW service and are used exclusively on the Silvertown Branch assigned to the last regularly scheduled Narrow Gauge Passenger Train, "THE SILVERTOWN."

— AND —

### THE MONTEZUMA

Rio Grande Locomotive No. 1—"The Montezuma"—built by Baldwin in 1871 weighed 12½ tons and had a tractive effort of 3,580 lbs. Before giving way to diesel power, Rio Grande steam locomotives weighing over 500 tons with 132,000 lbs. tractive effort were in service.



Replicas of Rio Grande's First Locomotive

TIE BARS

	Plain	Enameled
Silver Plate...	RG-11 \$2.50	RG-11E \$3.00
Gold Plate...	RG-12 \$2.50	RG-12E \$3.00
Sterling...	RG-13 \$4.75	RG-13E \$5.40
Gold Filled...	RG-14 \$5.50	RG-14E \$6.25



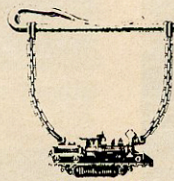
TIE TACS

Sterling Enameled...	RG-25E \$3.50
Gold Filled Enameled...	RG-26E \$4.00

BOLA TIES

(with Montezuma Clips)

Sterling Enameled...	RG-21E \$4.75
Gold Filled Enameled...	RG-22E \$5.00



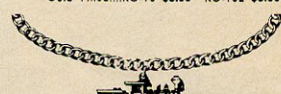
TIE CHAINS

Sterling Enameled...	RG-9E \$5.40
Gold Filled Enameled...	RG-10E \$6.25



CUFF LINKS

	Plain	Enameled
Silver Plate...	RG-15 \$3.50	RG-15E \$4.50
Gold Plate...	RG-16 \$3.75	RG-16E \$4.50
Sterling...	RG-17 \$5.75	RG-17E \$6.25
Gold Filled...	RG-18 \$6.50	RG-18E \$8.00



BRACELETS

Sterling Enameled...	RG-3E \$4.25
Gold Filled Enameled...	RG-4E \$4.75
Charm Only—Gold Filled...	RG-24E \$3.75
Sterling...	RG-23E \$3.25



### ORDER FORM

Mr. Edward M. Clark, 2701 South Utica, Denver, Colorado 80236

Please mail to me via parcel post the following items offered by the Rio Grande Veterans' Clubs:

Item No.	Quantity	Description	Amount	Mail Charge Plus Handling	Total
				35¢ per item	\$
				35¢ per item	\$
				35¢ per item	\$
				35¢ per item	\$
				35¢ per item	\$
				35¢ per item	\$

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET FOR LARGER ORDERS

TOTAL \$



*The Silvertown*



TIE BARS

NAME (Print)

ADDRESS (Print)

CITY

STATE

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IMPORTANT: Check or money order for total amount including mail and handling charges must accompany your order. They will be your receipt.

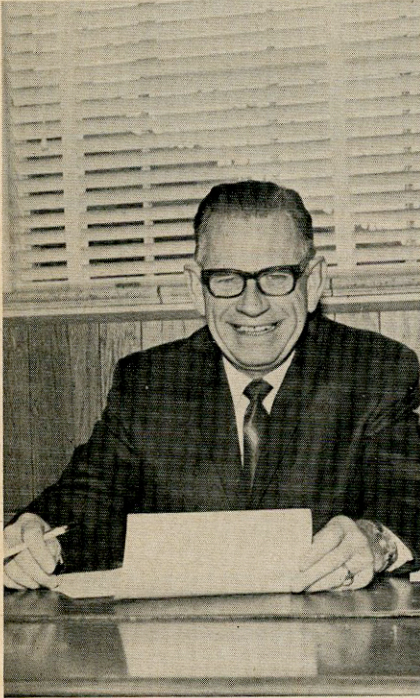


# Let's Get Acquainted With the Rio Grande

## (Part XIII)

Rambling about Denver, the Get Acquainted series will take a look at the District Traffic Office, Seventh Street Yard and Freight Office and the Fourth Avenue Yard Office.

The District Traffic Office is the home base for Rio Grande's district representatives. The office is located at 1570 13th Street. The district representatives cover a large territory. In addition to Denver and the metropolitan area, they cover eastern Colorado, part of Wyoming, Montana and New Mexico.



**HAROLD E. CASH**, regional manager, is located in the Traffic Office.

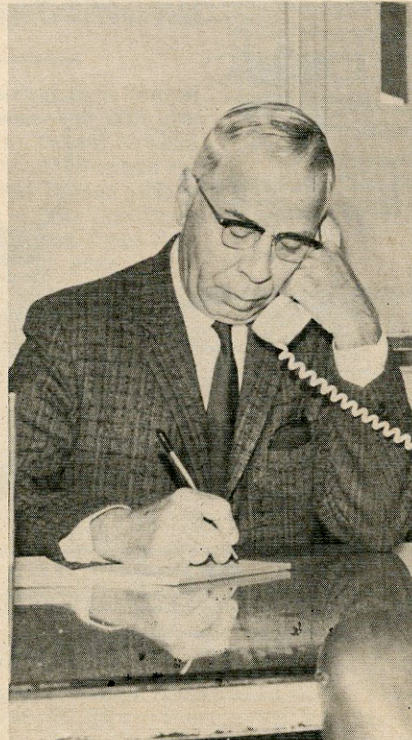


**A. D. "ANDY" COX** is the district manager at Denver.

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**THE DISTRICT TRAFFIC OFFICE** in the industrial area.



**BILL A. KIRKBRIDE** is a stenographer in the Traffic Office.

roof tile, Navajo flash color and matted to make this a distinct architectural addition to the beauty of design, Interstate provide the combination of lasting qualities. Add to this the fact that Rio Grande these commodities to both of these firms all spur line moving eastward from Salt

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f these two firms in the western mar-ured the "Park City Local," as it was l continue to serve the companies on spur in the southeast section of Salt



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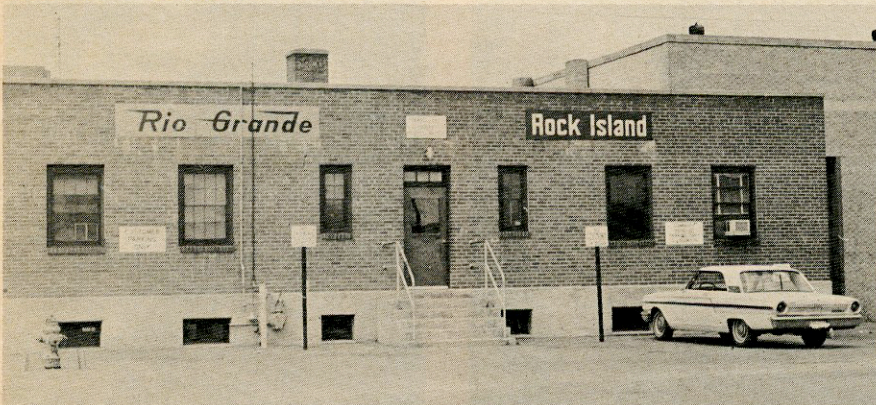


DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES Ed Young, rear, and Carl Rahne are Men-On-The-Go for the Rio Grande.

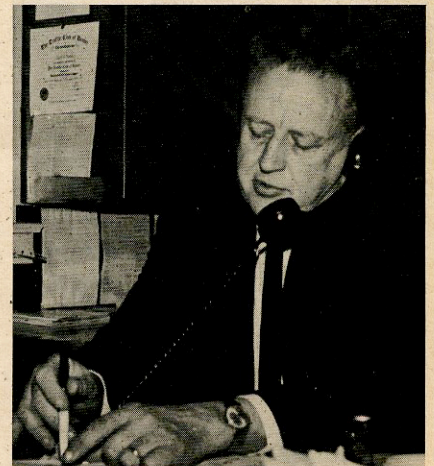


CUSTOMERS RELATIONS plays an important part in the lives of Rod Eisenhauer and Al Fjeldsted, district representatives.

Seventh Street Yard Office is the location of Rio Grande's Denver Freight Office. A joint agency exists with the Rio Grande and Rock Island railroads. Interchange between the Burlington and the Union Pacific are handled at this office. Cars to be switched to industries in the central business district are also processed here.



THE RIO GRANDE-ROCK ISLAND joint agency and freight station located on Seventh Street is shown above.

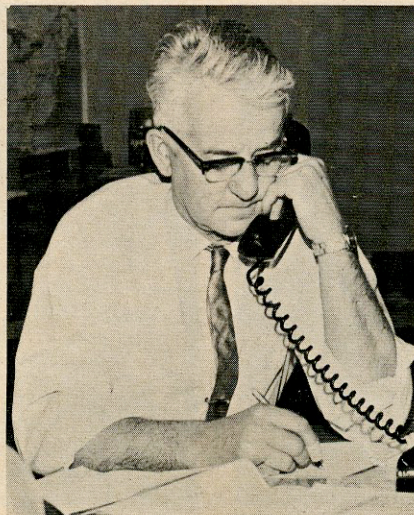


EARL THORNE is the joint agent for the Rio Grande and Rock Island.



HELEN PELTA, billing clerk, is also a GREEN LIGHT reporter for the busy yard and freight office.

*Green Light*



DICK SCHMITZ is the assistant chief clerk.

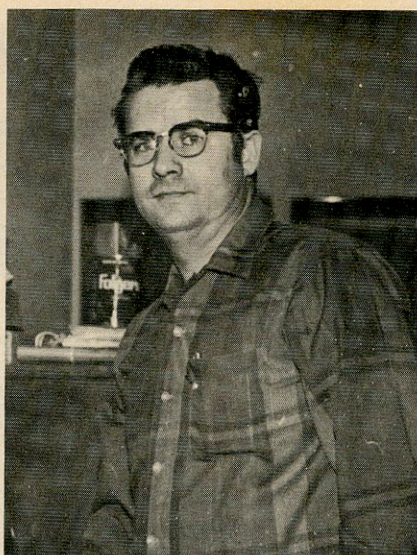


GERI ESTEY is a capable stenographer in this office.





LLOYD J. POWELL takes care of the growing piggy-back service as clerk at 7th St..



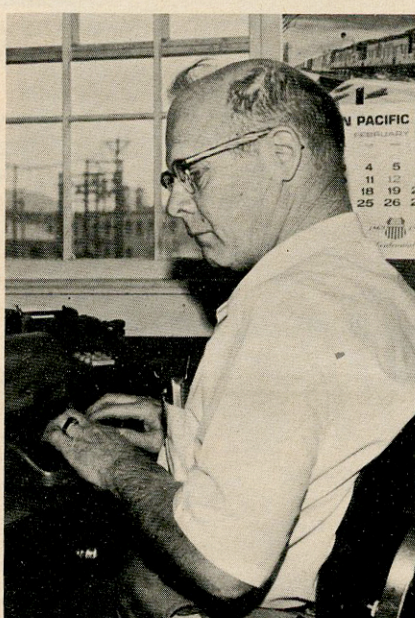
RALPH WEBSTER is the switch clerk.



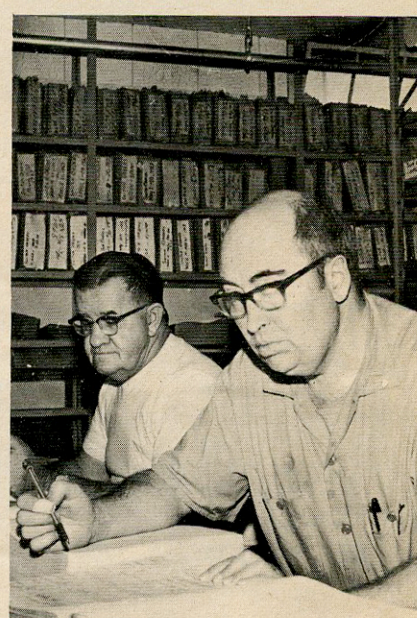
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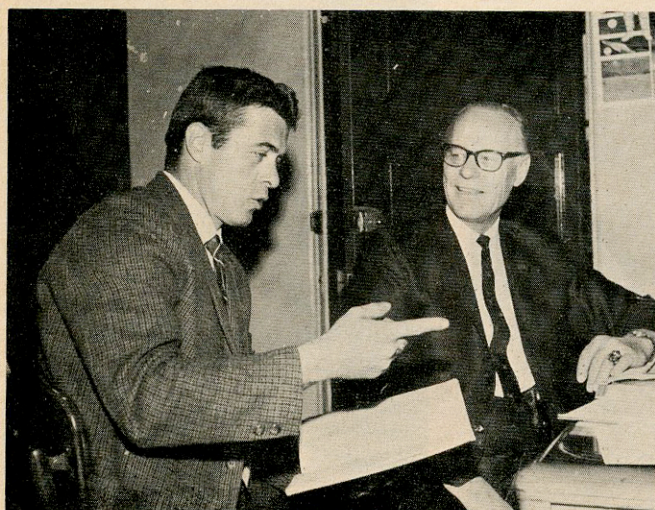
GENE BEDNAR quotes rates to customers as a revising clerk.



CHIEF CLAIM CLERK is V. R. "Red" Bolton.



C. A. McLAUGHLIN, left, and J. R. Ferrell are tracing clerks.



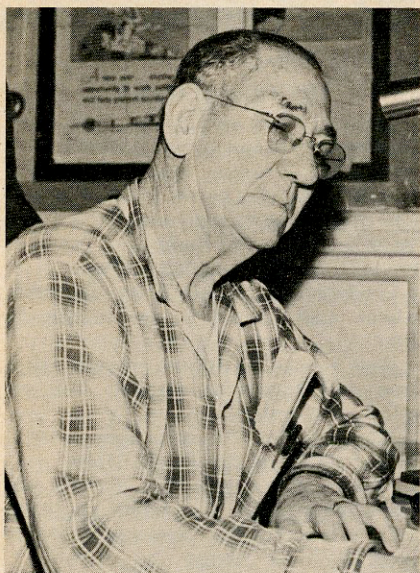
C. O. BURROUGHS, assistant special agent, left, and Lee Stauss, special agent, have offices at Seventh Street.



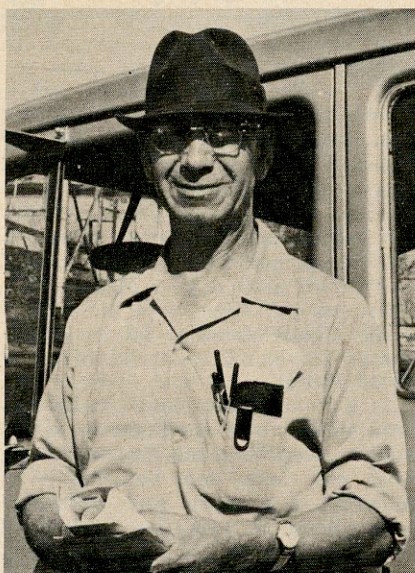
AURELIO FRANCO, mechanical laborer, left, and Joe D. Glasscock, carman, are assigned the Seventh Street Yard.



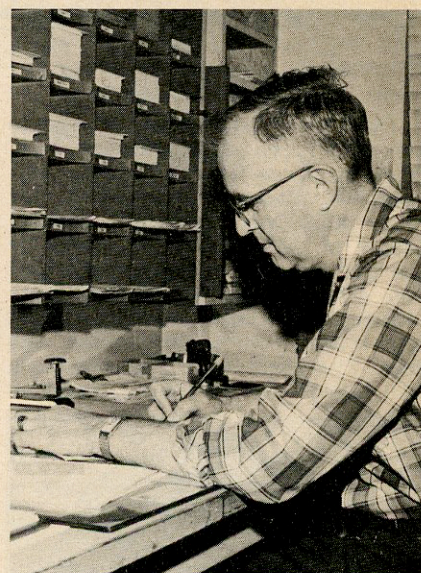
The Fourth Avenue Yard Office makes up trains for the southbound move as well as the cuts of cars to move to North Yard from inbound trains. Industry switching to the south of Denver is handled at this yard office.



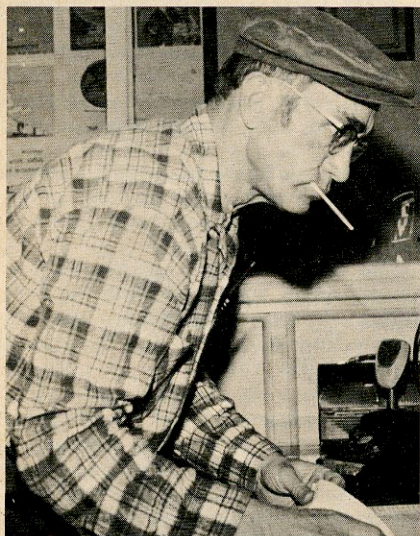
**FRANK ELLIS** is the yardmaster on days at Fourth Avenue.



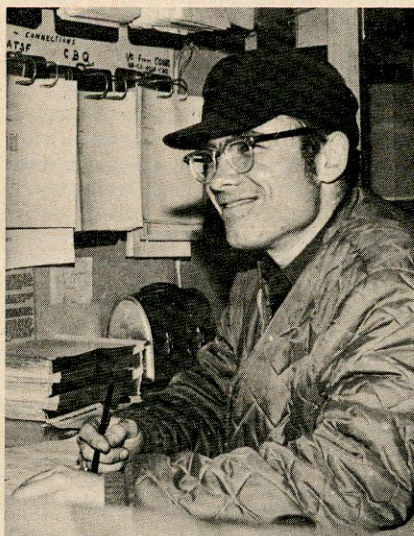
**ISADORO BUSTOS** is the messenger between yard offices.



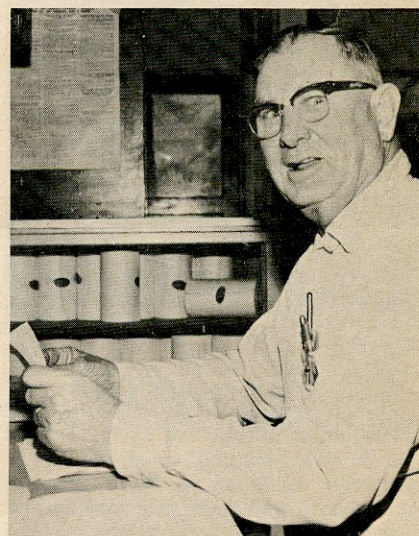
**J. DOUGLAS OSTROM** is assistant chief clerk at this busy yard office.



**BILL NEIGENFIND** takes over as afternoon yardmaster.



**JIM PAXTON** does the clerical work at 4th Ave.



**BILL LADD** checks the industries in this area.



**CAUGHT AS THEY CAME OFF SHIFT** are James Gray, left, and Gus Lehman, carmen.



**THE FOURTH AVE. YARD OFFICE** is located at the south end of Burnham yards.



## Provo

By R. R. Rackele

The Carl Granats were pleased to have their two sons, Kirt and Kirk, home while on leave from the Navy.

Rudene Rackele, daughter of the Rudy Rackeles, was selected cheerleader of the Provo High School for the coming year. Robert Redford of movie fame made the occasion more thrilling for Rudene when he called her to have her picture taken with him. The photo will appear in Look and Life Magazines and was taken at



the Sun Dance Winter and Summer Resort in Provo Canyon. Two other girls were selected with Rudene.

Bob Ferguson, clerk at Geneva, is vacationing during the spring season as is Walt Chappell, carman. R. E. Gardner, conductor, A. B. Sturgis and Bob Pace, engineers, are also on vacation.

Frank Edwards and family journeyed to El Centro, Calif., to visit relatives.

Other vacationers are Howard Falkner, Dean Higby, Evan Johnson and David Stone. Dave has been trying out his new car. Larry Stone is doing some spring housecleaning.

We are sorry to report the following and our sincere condolences are extended. C. R. Clark on the loss of his mother; the family of J. P. Stone on the loss of his wife's father, and to the family of Joe H. Nelson, agent at Sigurd, who lost his life in a car accident.

A speedy recovery is wished for Tom Chadwick, who is in the hospital and Joe Kader, also in the hospital for a checkup. H. W. Bywater is taking treatments in the University Hospital.

Pleased to see Dale Bringhurst, conductor, back on the job after an illness.

## Ogden

By Frank Burch

With bowling over for the winter season, the Ogden team upset the dopesters for sure by finishing on top of the league when they were destined at the start of the season for the cellar. The Ogden team took all three games in the sweeper ending up in third place with a high of 1001. Those on the team were Mike Kanderis, Claude Combs, Ed Anderson, Jerry Combs, T. Christensen and Frank Burch.

Jack Painter, switchman, asked his wife if he could purchase a riding lawn mower. Thinking it wasn't practical, she talked him out of it. The following day, Mary was confronted with a horse on their front lawn. When she asked Jack what it was doing there, he informed her it was his new riding lawn mower. Changes were made in a hurry and now Jack is the envy of his neighbors with a motorized riding lawn mower.

Earl Clark, relief clerk, is spending part of his vacation recuperating at home from an operation April 15.

Catherine Jones, stenographer in the Agent's office, is also recuperating from an operation. David Harmon from Clearfield is doing relief work for the clerks who are on sick leave and vacation.

It appears an invasion from Mars is imminent when Bill Morris, operator; David Chapman, engineer, and Dick Hensley, clerk, wearing white helmets, arrive at work on their roaring motor bikes.

## Salt Lake Freight Office

By H. O. Hunger

Josephine Smith, general clerk, and husband, Hap, spent a week at San Diego. Jo bowled in the W. I. B. C. tournament while there. She reports her bowling wasn't up to par. Better luck next year, Jo. They returned by way of Las Vegas and nothing was gained there either, but they had fun and saw some of the shows.

Dick Gill, chief claim clerk, and wife took a week and visited Las Vegas and reported nothing but a good time.

Barney Goalen, of WW&IB, bought a new 17-ft. inboard motor boat. Know he is in for a most enjoyable summer.

A speedy recovery is wished to Blain Palfreyman's wife, LaRue, who underwent surgery on April 15. Hope she will be up and around soon.

A. J. "Chief" Offner, retired conductor, and wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 14. He retired four-and-one-half years ago. Congratulations are extended to them and hope they have many more years of happy married life together.

## North Yard

By Cathryn Hedges

Gorden Allen, switchman, and wife, Jeannett, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Colleen Elizabeth, born March 2. Earl Thorne, RG-RI agent, and wife, Betty, welcomed the stork when he brought a baby boy, April 5, to their home. Congratulations!

Condolences to Bill Kanz, fireman, whose aunt passed away recently in Ohio.

Best wishes to Robert Marner for a long and happy retirement. Bob retired in March.

Michelle Annette is a new arrival at the home of the A. C. Scotts.

Thomas Ortiz, son of Leo Ortiz, retired messenger, was home on leave before leaving for Vietnam. Thomas is in the U. S. Army.

Condolences are extended to John Vigil, whose mother passed away April 5.

Jerry Carlson and family returned from a two-week vacation after touring the southern states of Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas. They enjoyed Memphis very much but it is always nice to get home.

Friends of Ralph Honeycutt, retired conductor, were sorry to hear of his passing April 12. Condolences are extended to the family.

The father of Mrs. A. M. DeVore passed away April 4. He built the first filling station at Berthoud, Colo. He at one time worked for the Burlington Railroad. He was 88.

Sp. 4 John G. Condos, son of Gus Condos, engineer, sent word from Germany that he is to be married to Miss Susan McCosker. John and Susan met while she was with a group of entertainers visiting the Army bases in Germany. They planned to be married at Basel, Switzerland, and will honeymoon in Italy. John is stationed at Rothwestern, Germany, where they will stay for the time being. Best wishes to the happy couple.

## Colorado Springs

By Jim Kennedy

The wife of G. G. Allen, carman, is enjoying a stay at Tacoma, Wash., for two weeks baby sitting with her grandchildren while her son and wife attend a convention in Southern California. The Allens recently flew to Hawaii on a 14-day tour. The climate and scenery was far above what they expected. It was a trip never to be forgotten by them.

Owen Troastle, outside yard clerk, has just returned from a two-week vacation. Tom Gallo, outside yard clerk, is planning some trips to the mountains and doing just what he pleases while on vacation.



## Helper

By Dom Juliano

The First Invitational Bowling Tournament held at Helper, April 26-27, was a great success. Thirty teams participated from Grand Junction, Salt Lake City and Helper.

The banquet and dance held on Saturday night was attended by 125 people. A delicious dinner was served, complemented by beautiful strains of organ music masterfully played by Oliver Lockhart, conductor, from Grand Junction.

Winners of the tournament were as follows:

The Toss Ups, Grand Junction, won first place for the women's teams. Maurine Fowler and Helen Wright won the first place Doubles with an 1188. Helen Wright won the Singles with a 595, the All Events with a 1764 and the High Scratch Series with a 552. High Scratch Game was won by Prudy Dunn with a 220.

For the men, Skerl's 3038 won first place in the Team events. F. Kirkwood and Elmer Hamilton with 1336 won the Doubles. The Singles event went to Dale Reid with a 664. Harry Fox walked off with the All Events with an 1884 and High Game with a 246.

Master of Ceremonies at the banquet was ably handled by Ray Black. Mike Kanderis welcomed the guests.

During intermission, Ray Black called Bill Nielsen, signal maintainer, and his wife, Marilyn, to the stage where they were congratulated on their eleventh wedding anniversary. Oliver Lockhart played the Anniversary Waltz for them and they were presented with the lovely floral centerpiece.

Many thanks to all who participated in this event and hope so see them all again next year.

## Utah Division

By Fae Lundberg

Jerry Dalton has been on vacation. Jerry does the maintenance work at the Division office while attending the University of Utah. Mid-term tests occupied his time during his vacation.

A speedy recovery is wished for the wife of A. G. Martin, who underwent surgery and is now recovering at home.

Frank Spiers retired from the Radio Shop on March 15. He celebrated his retirement by getting married and moving to California. Best wishes for a long and happy marriage and retirement.

Harry Mitchell is welcomed to Roper as the section lineman replacing Frank.

Bruce Thornton is missed as dispatcher since he has been in the hospital since April 21. Hurry and get well, Bruce.

Congratulations to Colleen Nabaum on the birth of a baby girl, April 19.

Green Light

Colleen is an extra report clerk at Roper and the daughter-in-law of Velma Stauffer, personal record clerk.

Mary Perry underwent surgery at the hospital recently. Hope she is feeling much better at this time and are looking forward to her return.

Ardella Grills worked on her cabin and taking care of her mother, who recently had an eye operation, while on vacation. Evelyn Drave, telephone operator, decided to get her garden in shape while on vacation that she might enjoy the flowers longer this year.

Welcome to Edwena Arends, stenographer, in the superintendent's office and wish her much happiness on her new venture into married life which took place April 18.

Marian MacDonald is another employee we welcome. Mariam is filling in for Ardella.

## Burnham Notes

### Diesel Shop

By Elmer Schafer

A speedy recovery is wished for A. Bushman, retired machinist from his recent illness.

A welcome is extended to Leonard Groff, machinist, as a newcomer in the diesel shop. He served his apprenticeship on the Burlington Railroad.

Jim Coulson recently transferred to Pueblo shops and his ready conversation is missed.

Dan Eddy, machinist apprentice, wife, Kathy, and daughter, Tracy, hail from Billings, Mont. Pleased to have them with us.

The tick fever is here again and two shop men had the misfortune of being nipped by them. Art Vincent and Carl Cecchine are the unlucky ones. Better not go into the wet mountains for awhile.

Jimmie Snead, Gary Berg and Bobby Branahan journeyed to Wyoming on a fishing trip. Better luck next time, Gary. 'Nough said.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Edward Mosher who recently passed away. Ed was a machinist helper for many years during the steam locomotive era.

The lure of the farm life has lost its thrill and G. Mueller and family moved into their new home in Commerce City. (Fritz says to watch the papers for the sale of farm machinery.) Pleased to report his mother is recovering nicely from her seventh operation.

If you are in the market for new or used cars, see our part-time salesman, Pete Greenmeyer.

G. H. McDonald and Ed Aberton with their wives report a successful trip to Las Vegas where they enjoyed a few days of golfing and other recreation activities.

Retired shop visitors include Jim Partney, Joe Segar, Louis Mudra, Fred Stake and Shorty Robinson.

The regular meeting of Mile High

Railway Club will be held May 26 at Pomponio's DX Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. This will be ladies night. Two movies will be shown, Salt of the Earth and Hawaii Vacation Land. This will be the last meeting until September when the fall program will start.

### Store Dept.

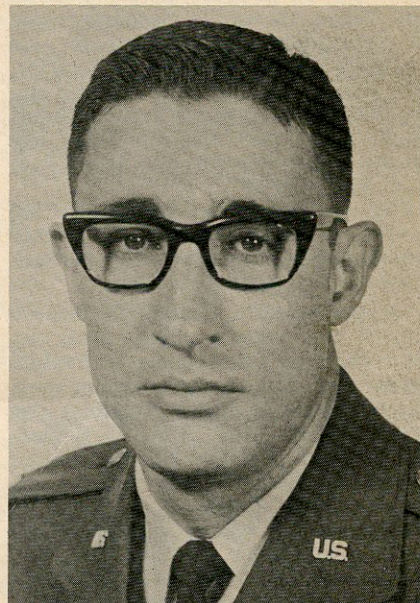
By Jean Gustafson

Congratulations to the Jack Hulstroms who recently became parents of a baby daughter, Kim.

### Car Shop

By C. C. Craig

The son of Salvatore Villano, assistant storekeeper at Burnham, was graduated from Keesler AFB. Lt. Salvatore Villano, Jr. completed his training course for U. S. Air Force electronic computer maintenance officers.



Lt. Villano, a graduate of Mount Carmel High School and Colorado State University, is being assigned to Langley AFB, Va., for duty with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service.

His wife, Marilyn, is the daughter of Major General and Mrs. H. K. Mooney, Pass Christian, Miss. Villano, Jr. is a former employee of Rio Grande's Dining Car Dept.

Baskets of "Little Elegance" carnations, stock, gladiolas and cathedral candles decorated the altar of the First Covenant Church for the candlelight wedding ceremony for Miss Meredith Ann Perry and Robert M. Chaplin. Rev. Olafson, pastor of the church, officiated at the double-ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of C. A. Perry, carman. Chaplin is from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Leon M. Earing and George P. Hawkins are still on the sick list.

Recent visitors who are retired were Domenico Coliazzi, Jim Partney, Ed Ammons, Frosty Layton and Robert Roatcap.



## Salida Comments

By Maribee\*

When a retired carman becomes an engineer, this is startling news. Car-men are not usually "boomers," but Bob Roatcap was known as a boomer carman during his working years as a result of working at so many points on the Rio Grande system.

A boomer carman couldn't be expected to stand still during his retirement years. He became an engineer on the little train the Lions Club has each summer at Englewood, a Denver suburb, where Bob lives. Thousands of children are thrilled by the ride which brings much enjoyment to Bob.

In his fourth year of retirement, Bob had a few things to celebrate the day he dropped in for a visit. He was on his way to Montrose where a celebration was planned for his birthday, April 26. A few days prior, he celebrated his 43rd wedding anniversary. Four years ago he underwent open heart surgery which has made it possible for him to be hale and hearty at 69.

As Bob reminisced, he recalled the yards at Salida employed 45 other carmen when he first went to work there.

A business-like gentleman stepped inside the agent's office, observing the clerk on duty typing a waybill, remarked, "I typed hundreds of them at Glenwood Springs." Two plus two revealed the man, Rev. Al Edlund, is the son of Nick Edlund, retired agent at Minturn. Rev. Edlund, affiliated with Disciples of Christ in Salida has a weekly feature in the Salida newspaper. He interviews citizens about town that have made some distinguishing record for his column, complete with photos he takes. Recently he interviewed Steve Frazee, an accomplished author of some 40 books, one of which is a tourist best-seller, "More Damn Tourists."

Rev. Edlund also reported his father, since his retirement, has not been working as police dispatcher at Canon City for several weeks. Nick's wife suffered a broken hip and he has been staying home to give her moral and physical assistance. Nick is also an expert at repairing parking meters.

Pepper is a new addition in the Garland Shepherd home. Salt remained with Garland's daughter and son-in-law. Pepper is a cute black Chihuahua with one tiny white spot. Four-month-old Pepper came to scan "the board" with his master. He was behaving nicely but getting little attention. Tired of this nonsense, he let out one loud bark. Everyone wondered how so much noise could come from such a little bundle.

Mike Baldino, son of a section laborer of the same name, will take over the duties as high school prin-

cipal at Buena Vista this fall. Young Mike has been serving as grade school principal.

Things are looking better hereabouts since a fellow nailed a horse-shoe over the office door.

\*Mary Cassidy

## Grand Junction

By Almeda Flint

Congratulations to Stacy Burke, son of Granville, carman, and Blossom, former steno, Burke, on being named to the Dean's list at Western State College, Gunnison.

Congratulations to Roberta Johnston, who was chosen "Tigress" of the month at Grand Junction Junior High and to Susan Ochoa, who was selected Girl-of-the-Month at Bookcliff Junior High. Both girls were honored at the Kiwanis Club luncheon during April. R. W. Johnston, yardmaster, and Ben Ochoa, section foreman, are the proud fathers.

Another proud papa is Floyd Crider, dispatcher, whose son, Russell, has proved to be an outstanding pitcher during the State High School Baseball Tournaments.

F. H. Green, road foreman, reports his wife is recovering quite satisfactorily following oral surgery involving two pesky impacted wisdom teeth.

George Green, secretary, and wife are breaking in their new Buick LeSabre during vacation which included a trip to the Glen Canyon Recreation area in northern Arizona.

Eddie Gries, dispatcher, has returned from a wonderful vacation which included the Bahamas. Cecil McSpadden, dispatcher, plans to travel by train to Arkansas while on vacation. Harry Mott, retired trainman, will also travel by rail to Louisiana to visit a son. Harry also tried his luck at Reno with the "One-Arm Bandits." His last nickel in change rewarded him with a jackpot.

Sincere get well wishes are sent to Elton Crutchfield, dispatcher, at Denver. Harry Fitzpatrick, mechanical clerk, is back on the job. He is not feeling too chipper following surgery but it does take time.

R. F. Blackburn, engineer, and wife had a real fun trip in April when they flew to Phoenix where they visited retired engineer Vic Roussin and wife. Vic arranged for a gathering of former Rio Grande people from this area which included Jack Gates, engineer, and wife; Mona VanVolkenburgh, clerk, and Charley Church, engineer, all retired. The Roussins and Blackburns drove to Las Vegas for three days of night clubbing. They saw many good shows including Jerry Lewis, Eddie Fisher, Danny Thomas and Jerry Vale.

G. L. Rees, dispatcher, has bid in a permanent assignment at Grand Junction. He will move his family here from Salt Lake City during his

vacation this month. Darwin Lombardi, night chief dispatcher, will move his family into a home he recently purchased here from Springfield during his vacation later this month.

Best wishes for a long and happy retirement to H. L. Stinchcomb, who retired May 1.

Happy to report that Johnny Sprott, retired conductor, has been able to visit the office. He is feeling much better. The latest report on Ralph "Wampy" Wampler, retired conductor, is that he is in serious condition in St. Mary's Hospital here.

Sympathy is extended to C. R. Alberts, system roadmaster, on the death of his brother. Funeral services were held in Grand Junction.

## Pueblo

By Guida Fonda

Congratulations to Eddie Forrest, son of D. K. Forrest, data processing supervisor, on his recent marriage to Janet Bradford. Eddie was a clerk in the yard office before his induction into the Army. He and Janet plan to make their home in Georgia where he is stationed.

Spring has arrived and with it the new car bug. Ernie Quintana, operator, purchased a new Nash, Earl Woodward, communications, a Dodge, Bill Clawson, assistant yardmaster, a Chevy pickup with bucket seats no less, Bill Moore, FGEX, a Chevy station wagon, "Smokey" Forrest, data processing supervisor, a Plymouth and Cecil Frost a Chrysler.

Ernie Quintana and family drove their new car on a vacation to El Paso and Carlsbad Cavern. Ernie said it was the best vacation he's ever had. They took their time and ate everything good.

Marshall Henson and family visited his brother and family in Indiana. On the way they visited their daughter, Marsha, who is attending college at Springfield, Mo.

Willie Pearl, switchman, has reason to be proud of his daughter, Randi, a sophomore at South High School. Randi will be on her way to Europe the first of July with several other students to study in England, France, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland and The Netherlands. The trip is sponsored by the World Academy, Cincinnati. Students are picked for their scholastic ability. They will fly non-stop to Rome. The trip will be long remembered. Congratulations to all!

George Albright, switchman, and wife are vacationing in Hawaii. They plan to see all the sights possible while there.

Wayne Marshall, clerk, and his family spent their vacation at Bonaparte, Iowa. Wayne took his wife to meet the family for the first time since their recent marriage.

Darrel Chappel and family visited his in-laws in Texas.



## From the White House Car Service

By Manford Bauer

A radiant Shirley Bevington announced the birth of a grandson on April 9, to her first-born son, Bill, and daughter-in-law, Tina. The little newcomer was given the name William Partee.

A baby daughter, Teresa Jean, was born to the family of Dr. and Mrs. L. Arthur Selby April 17. The beaming grandparents are Lloyd and Rosemary Selby.

Welcome back to Leone Dickman after a lengthy absence due to a broken right ankle. Glenice Myers has returned to work following surgery at Mercy Hospital. Luella Turney incurred a rib fracture near her home recently, necessitating several days absence.

Charlotte, daughter of Ralph Fowler, has returned to Denver for the time being. During the past semester she attended San Francisco State College as a psychology major.

## Personnel

By Betty Hancock

Listening to Ed Baldrige recount his trip to Europe was the big news from this department.

Ed and wife found most Europeans will cater to the Americans especially if they wish to part with the "long green." They especially liked London and would like to return for another look. West Berlin has been rebuilt and is very modern with high quality products, exceptional food and service, and wonderful facilities everywhere. East Berlin was quite a contrast. The picture Ed took of the "wall" tells the whole story.

The Parthenon and Acropolis in Greece were very interesting to see as was the Louvre in Paris. Sistine Chapel in Rome was breathtaking.

They visited the Holy Land and rode camels to the Pyramids in Egypt. When asked what food they enjoyed most, Ed said, "a hamburger in London."

On their return flight, they had breakfast in London, lunch in Amsterdam and dinner in Denver. The pilot of the plane on the return trip was a good friend of the Baldridges and drove them home after arriving in Denver. Guess some people just live right.

## Purchasing

By Helen Balistrere

The recently amalgamated Fourth Floor was the result of a hasty departure from the Sixth Floor to make room for offices of Industries, Rio Grande's new parent company.

It would seem that everyone is eager to have a key to Walt Holmquist's basement. Everyone wonders why.

The gleam in Leo Rohde's eye must have something to do with the open-

ing of fishing season at Red Feather Lake.

Helen and Frank Balistrere made an early April weekend trip to Taos, Santa Fe and Albuquerque to find New Mexico's spring extremely beautiful and usual delightful time.

## Communications

By Jim Chavies

Jack Halfacre, clerk, will appear at the National Square Dance Convention in June this year. Jack will moderate a panel on Teacher/Caller Association Functions and also master-of-ceremonies workshop for teens. There will be a Colorado after-party at the Food Circus in Seattle's Civic Center. The convention is expected to draw over 12,000 square dancers and will run for three days. Dancers from 50 states have already registered.

## Traffic

By Bob Hulstrom

Congratulations to W. C. Craig, district representative at Ogden, who was elected as president of the National Defense Transportation Association, Utah Chapter, on April 11. The organization has a membership of 100. Installation of officers and directors was held at Salt Lake City at their annual spring dinner dance on May 9.

## Engineering & Transportation

By Clarence Froid

Ella and Henry Lebsack took a pleasant vacation trip to Fort Worth, Tex. Ella is steno-clerk in Engineering.

Mildred Rawlins announced the marriage of son, Walter "Butch" Rawlins, to Carla Young of Denver, April 12. Mildred is secretary in the Mechanical Dept.

The latest from the Schmidt family, Judy and Steve, was the news of an addition of a baby boy. This gives them two girls and a boy. Judy was a former secretary in Engineering and now resides in South Bend, Ind., where Steve is employed by the Penn Central Railroad.

Harold Eason, with his interesting hobby of restoring Model A Fords, participated in the Club's May Day rally that took them over many mountain roads and hills, winding up at Berkeley Park. He is an engineering trainee.

Paul and Peggy Smith report a very beautiful vacation drive to Las Vegas, Nev. Paul is manager of Customer Service Bureau.

It is always good to have a visit from Frank Miller, who is retired from Engineering Dept.

## From the Top

By Irene Vogel

Deepest sympathy is extended to Florence Peterson whose mother, Lena Peterson, died last month. Mrs. Peterson lived in Wheatridge for many years.

It took some doing but we are get-

ting used to the fellows dressing in more colorful clothes. Glenn Keller wears a bright green suit and Dan Walkowitz has a pale yellow outfit to catch the eye.

The Purchasing Dept. deserted the sixth floor to make way for offices of Rio Grande Industries. They will be missed but hope to pass the time of day with them on the elevator.

## Revenue Accounting

By Walter Brooks

Many of the employees are enjoying some of their vacations this spring. Those who stayed near home most of the time were Fred Putz, Alice Spohn, Katherine O'Connell, John Shefflin, James Pitney and this reporter.

Those who are traveling will have their experiences related in this column next month.

This office has just about returned to normal routine after two weeks of moving and rearranging desks and files. It's not a new look but a different look.

Katie O'Connell announced she became a great-grandmother on April 30. Congratulations to all.

Spring fever has this department under its spell and routine work becomes a chore.

## Roper

By John Barron

Would like to take this opportunity to thank all who took part in the raffle of a sweater. The proceeds were used to buy lockers for the school. A lady in American Fork won the sweater and the several hundred dollars were put to good use. Many thanks.

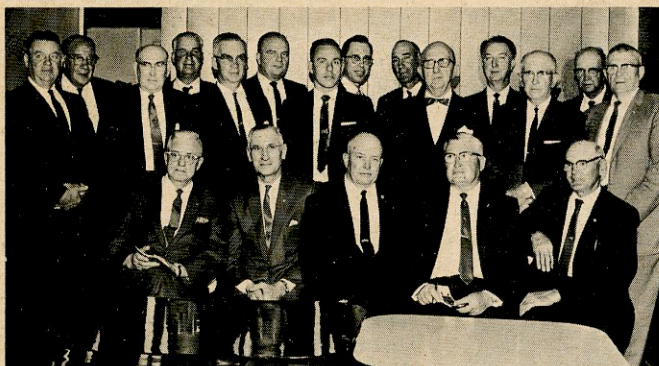
It is leaving time for a couple of our employees. Jerry Smith and wife, Teri, decided to leave Roper and locate in San Diego, Calif. Jerry was offered a position as a rate clerk there and sad to say, he accepted. Jerry leaves the 15th of May and best wishes go with him.

Lee Irvine and wife, Connie, had a double dose of greetings during the month. Lee accepted a position with Fruit Growers Express Co. at Stockton, Calif. Lee was a former clerk with the Rio Grande before going to work with the ART Co. Connie presented Lee with a baby boy, Matthew Lee, on May 2. Lee, to say the least, was a happy father. He passed out cigars to each and every one. Lee and Connie have made many friends here. His cheery hello and the nightly report on the house cut will be missed. Best wishes, Lee.

At a Public Utilities Commission hearing on a railroad's petition to discontinue unprofitable train service, a farmer appeared to voice a protest. His reason: he liked to hear the whistle blow.



# System Vets Plan 20th-Year Anniversary Celebration



**SYSTEM OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES** of Rio Grande Vet's Club attending the Grand Junction meeting are, front row, Cliff Crawford, president, Salt Lake; George Grivet, president and system vice president, West End, Helper; W. O. Furniss, president and system president, Ogden; R. Walker Johnston, system vice president, East End, Grand Junction; Fred Krauth, system secretary-treasurer, Salt Lake; center row, Wayne Thomas, Ogden; George Green, Grand Junction; Robert Rose, Grand Junction; Ken Graham, Grand Junction; Pete Ackermann, president, Denver; Joe Wernz, president, Provo; Claude Argyle, Salt Lake; back row, Joe Witherwax, Denver; Vern Peckham, Helper; Vern Immroth, personnel administrator, Denver; Bill Easley, president, Grand Junction; Anello Arcieri, Grand Junction; Frank Burch, Ogden and Bill Hamlin, Ogden.

Rio Grande's Veterans Clubs will be 20 years old on August 1, this year.

Among the many topics of interest discussed at the April 12 meeting at Grand Junction of the system Vet's officers were arrangements to be made marking the anniversary at the forthcoming Veteran's convention next September.

Two delegates from each club, with the exception of Alamosa and Pueblo, were on hand at the meeting to formulate plans. Clubs represented were Salt Lake City, Ogden, Helper, Provo, Grand Junction and Denver.

The system officers unanimously approved Grand Junction as the 1969 convention city, Sept. 27-28. Registration fee will be \$3.00, which will include dinner and entertainment on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday morning. Reservations for hotel or motel rooms are to be made at a later date by veterans who plan to attend the convention.

Salt Lake Vets Club No. 1 will host the gala affair that will be coordinated through the efforts and hospitality of the Grand Junction Club.

Grand Junction was chosen for the convention site due to its central location on the railroad system, Vet's officers report. Although Pueblo and Alamosa weren't represented at the April 12 meeting, veterans from these two clubs will take part in the September convention.

The first Veterans Club was organized in August 1949 when a group of employees realized a need for a social or-



**LADIES OF THE VETS' AUXILIARY** attending the Grand Junction meeting are, front row, Oral Cheedle, Grand Junction; Ione Green, Grand Junction; Mary Rose, Grand Junction; Norene Burch, Ogden; Phyllis Furniss, Ogden; Alice Arcieri, Grand Junction; center row, Norabelle Easley, Grand Junction; Louise Peckham, Helper; Ruth Thomas, Provo; Minnie Hamlin, Ogden; Jean Graham, Grand Junction; Lorene Krauth, Salt Lake City; back row, Rose Johnston, Grand Junction; Illa Mae Immroth, Denver; Corine Grivet, Helper; Rhea Wernz, Provo; Ludean Argyle, Salt Lake City and Ida Crawford, Salt Lake City.

ganization within the company. They got together and selected a governing body which in turn elected officers. It wasn't long after that other clubs were organized and sponsored by the Rio Grande at Helper, Denver, Grand Junction, Salida, Pueblo, Alamosa, Provo and Ogden in that order. Three hundred members were in the charter club at Salt Lake. Originally only employees with 20 years' service with the company were eligible to join. This has been changed to 15 years service for eligibility. It is pointed out by the Vet's officers, the clubs are not retirement clubs, but for all employees in service and retired who have had the required years of service. It is also interesting to note, club dues have remained at \$1 since the clubs were organized.

The clubs are non-management, non-labor and non-political. The Rio Grande, while it sponsors the organization's activities, does not dictate how the clubs shall run their affairs. Each club has officers who coordinate plans for local clubs.

"Get Involved" is the catch-word of the present generation. To borrow their expression, the System Vet's Committee would like to have everyone get involved with the Vet's Club in their area.

System Vet's officers for the present year are, W. O. Furniss, president, Ogden; R. Walker Johnston, vice president, East End, Grand Junction; George Grivet, vice president, West End, Helper; and Fred Krauth, secretary-treasurer, Salt Lake City.

Fred Krauth was one of the original officers when the club was organized at Salt Lake City in 1949. In addition to Krauth, who was elected president, other officers in the club were Dexter K. Baker, vice president, and Chris Woodle, secretary-treasurer.



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